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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP MEETING ON UNCTAD AND SPECIALIZED
AGENCY BUDGETS

REF: (A) GENEVA 8476; (B) STATE 260365

SUMMARY. GENEVA GROUP (GG) MET NOVEMBER 5 TO DISCUSS
TWO PAPERS - ONE PREPARED BY CANADIANS ON UNCTAD SEC-
RETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS, AS A RESULT
OF NAIROBI CONFERENCE, AND ANOTHER PREPARED BY UK TO BE
PRESENTED TO SYG'S AND BUDGET DIRECTORS OF WHO, ILO, FAO,
UNESCO, AND PERHAPS OTHERS, IN CONNECTION WITH GG DEMARCHES
ON BUDGETS (REFTEL A). DISPOSITION OF PAPERS FOLLOWS.

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END SUMMARY.

1. WITH REGARD TO UNCTAD PAPER, MAJORITY OF GG MEMBERS FELT THAT IT REFLECTED A USEFUL APPROACH TO THE MATTER OF UNCTAD STAFFING WHEN IT COMES BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSUMBLY, ALTHOUGH IT WAS FELT THAT THE PAPER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS (A) A BASIS FOR CONCERTED ACTION BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, RATHER THAN AS A JOINT PAPER TO BE CIRCULATED IN NY, AND (B) THAT FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN THE MORE DETAILED JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO PERMIT FURTHER REFINEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS.

2. SEVERAL MEMBERS INDICATED RESERVES ON CERTAIN AREAS OF INDICATED CUTS. SWEDEN INDICATED ADDITIONAL CUTS MIGHT BE MADE IN THE MANUFACTURES AREA, BUT THAT AT LEAST ONE POST MIGHT BE ALLOWED FOR, UNDER ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

SWITZERLAND FELT NO NEW POSTS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED UNDER ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SINCE THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD NOT YET MET AND THE SECRETARIAT WAS TO PRESENT TO THE FIRST SESSION OF THAT COMMITTEE A WORK PROGRAM WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

3. THE UK, JAPAN, AND BELGIUM INDICATED SOME RESERVE ON THE LEVEL OF PROPOSED CUTS UNDER COMMODITIES INASMUCH AS THIS WAS A CLEARLY DEFINED PRIORITY AREA RESULTING FROM THE THE DECISION OF UNCTAD IV.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CANADIAN PAPER WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO GENEVA GROUP CAPITALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. IN THE MEANWHILE, THE GROUP B COORDINATOR AND THE FRG DELEGATE TO UNCTAD WERE ASKED TO SEEK OUT FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE SECRETARIAT ON THE ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION MATERIAL AS REQUESTED BY GROUP B FOR FURTHER GENEVA GROUP CONSIDERATION. SHOULD THE SECRETARIAT EITHER NOT HAVE PREPARED SUCH JUSTIFICATIONS OR REFUSE TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE GROUP, THEN IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THE CANADIAN PAPER COULD SERVE AS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASIS TO PERMIT THE GROUP TO MAKE MORE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVES.

5. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE WAS ONE ASPECT OF THE UNCTAD'S REQUEST FOR NEW POSTS MISSING FROM THE CANADIAN PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN STRESSED BY THE GROUP B COUNTRIES AT THE TDB; I.E., THE IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF POSSIBLE REDEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT

TO MEET THE PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK SPECIFIED BY THE
NAIROBI CONFERENCE.

6. CONSIDERATION TURNED TO UK PAPER EXPRESSING CONCERN
ON SPECIALIZED AGENCY (SPA) BUDGETS BY SOME GG GOVERN-
MENTS (REFTEL B). DUTCH REP BEGAN DISCUSSION WITH
LENGTHY STATEMENT OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION. HE
SAID DUTCH REGARD MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY AND SUPPORT
CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT NEW YORK WHOLEHEARTEDLY, BUT
THEY DISAGREE TOTALLY WITH TONE OF DRAFT PAPER AND MUST
DISASSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM IT COMPLETELY. WHILE THEY
WANT TO "BE WITH" REST OF GG, THEY CANNOT EVEN AGREE TO
A PAPER LIKE THIS BEING READ TO BUDGET DIRECTORS OF
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND ASK THAT PAPER BE DROPPED.
SIMILAR POSITION TAKEN BY SWEDISH REP.

7. ALL TEN OTHER GG GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTED PSER FULLY,
AND SEVERAL STATED PAPER WAS INNOCUOUS ENOUGH AS IS, AND
FELT THE GG MUST PRESENT SOMETHING IN WRITING TO SPA'S
IN ORDER TO SUPPORT DEMARCHE ALREADY MADE BY GG COCHAIRMAN
TO SPA BUDGET DIRECTORS.

8. GROUP THEN CONSIDERED PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT
PAPER. FINAL DRAFT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

9. DISPOSITION OF PAPER WAS DETERMINED INFORMALLY AT
END OF MEETING. ORAL STATEMENTS, ESSENTIALLY CONTENT
OF PAPER, WOULD BE MADE BY COCHAIRMAN AT GG MEETING WITH
FURTH ON NOVEMBER 16 AND DENBY ON DECEMBER 3. PAPER
WOULD BE TRANSMITTED INFORMALLY TO THE TWO SEVERAL DAYS
AFTER THE MEETINGS. NO REFERENCE WOULD BE MADE TO
GG OR DUTCH OR SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS IN PAPER.

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